

§ 74-24.6. Advisory Council.

(a) The Commissioner shall appoint an Advisory Council consisting of 11 members to assist him in the development of safety and health standards for mines which are subject to this Article and to advise him on matters relating to safety and health in such mines. Said Advisory Council shall include three members expressly qualified by experience and affiliation to present the viewpoint of operators of such mines, three persons similarly qualified to present the viewpoint of workers in such mines, and five members of the public sector with knowledge of mining operations or associated health and safety aspects thereof. The Commissioner of Labor shall annually designate one member to act as chairman. The members of the Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner and shall have no specific term of office.

(b) The Advisory Council shall hold not fewer than two meetings during each calendar year, and said meetings shall be open to the public. The Commissioner shall furnish to the Advisory Council such secretarial, clerical, and other services as he deems necessary to conduct its business.

(c) The members of the Advisory Council shall be compensated for travel expenses and per diem as authorized by the Commissioner in accordance with those amounts paid to State boards under Chapter 138 of the General Statutes.

(d) The Commissioner may from time to time select representatives of professional organizations of technicians, professional persons specializing in occupational safety and health, and representatives of State agencies who by experience and affiliation are qualified to present the viewpoint of operators of mines and workers in mines to assist the Advisory Council in performing its duties. Such persons, except State employees, selected for temporary purposes may be paid such per diem and travel expenses for attending meetings as may be fixed by the Commissioner. (1975, c. 206, s. 6; 1977, c. 683; 2006-203, s. 20.)